

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 49-51 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The claims have been amended to overcome this rejection, and withdrawal is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 49 and 51 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 on the basis of Kimura JP '578. Applicant traverses this rejection because Kimura does not disclose or suggest a configuration in which the ratio between the weight of waste paper and the weight of water is 1:0.65-0.7, such that waste liquid is not produced even if the disintegrated paper is compressed. Accordingly, withdrawal is respectfully requested.

For all of the above reasons, Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the claimed invention. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would aid in the prosecution of the application, or that outstanding issues exist, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely, it is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this Application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069.

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